THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The recommendation has not been accepted. However, no discriminatory treatment has been meted out to pensioners *vis-a-vis* serving employees. In the case of serving employees also, the DA has not been merged with pay.

CBI inquiry against higher officers

†2456. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that CBI has conducted inquiry against the persons working in the posts of Secretary, Joint Secretary, Director and Deputy Director during the last three years;

(b) if so, the number of such persons against whom inquiry has been conducted since March, 1999 to till date; and

(c) the number of persons, out of them, suspended from their services?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) The Central Bureau of Investigation has reported that it has conducted investigation / inquiry against 211 persons working in posts of Secretary, Joint Secretary, Director etc. during the period 1999 to 30th June, 2002.

(c) The Central Bureau of Investigation has further reported that according to information available with them, out of the above persons, 30 persons have been suspended from service during the last three years.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.